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$100 A Day In Hospitals Now Reality

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The $100-a-day hospital room, considered improbable as recently as three years ago, will become a reality in Boston within two weeks, when hospitals generally raise their charges 11 to 13 percent Oct. 1.

The charges will bring the cost of most hospital rooms within the $80 to $90 a day range, depending on whether rooms are semi-private or private. The $100-a-day rate will apply only to the most exclusive private rooms in a few institutions.

The new rates represent a 30 percent increase over fiscal 1968, according to William Voboril, executive director of the Greater Boston Hospital Council. He expects there may be another 15 percent increase next year.

Dr. John Knowles, general director of Massachusetts General Hospital, who predicted a $100-a-day rate for 1970 hree years ago, and who at the time was called unrealistic, now believes the day may not be too for off when rates will level off.

He told the Globe today hat it has been necessary to raise wages of hospital employees many times in recent years in order to be competitive with industry. "This has forced hospital cost increases to move for beyond the average cost of living increases because hospital workers were so far below scale a few years back.'

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STANLEY F. MAXWELL, potentate of Aleppo Temple, right, presents check for $10,000 donated anonymously by a member of Aleppo Temple Shrine to Harvey B. Leggee, secretary of board of governors, Shriner Burns Hospital, at Red Sox game.

Tomorrow's Calendar

Children

"FOURS AND FIVES," Ipswich River Sanctuary, Topsfield; Mass. Audubon Soc.; 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Concerts

"OSMOSIS," JAZZ BLUES, Boston City Hall, (on the square). Public invited. 12 noon. Free.

Drama

"ACTORS WORKSHOP," 1068 Boylston st., Boston. New Parents Playhouse. For more information call CO 6-6840.

"WOMAN," 1555 Mass. av., Cambridge, 9 p.m. Presented by Caravan Theater, workshops and children's programs. Call 491-9579.

Films

HAMMOND CASTLE, Hesperus av., Gloucester, 3 Valentino movies with organist Lee Erwin; Sept. 19 & 20; 8 p.m. For reservations call 283-2080 or 283-2081.

Lectures

Park, free parking. Eskimo Art: Drawings, embroidery, soapstone sculpture by Eskimo children, also gay paintings by school's first teacher, Miss Katie Hettasch. Through Sept. 30. Coolidge and Friend Galleries. Hayden Planetarium, "UFOs Today," new program on identified flying objects. Through Nov. 30. Call 742-1410 for times.

PRE-CANA CONFERENCES, St. John's Parish Hall, Peabody; 8 p.m.